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Life & Annuity Funds 17,561,590.
Banking Fund Account 123,230.
£23,970,367.
Revenue Fire Branches £2,381,456
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th February to the 14th February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hongkong, Jan. 26, 1918.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Building, on SATURDAY, 9th February, 1918, at 11 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Reports of the Directors together with the Statements of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 4th to SATURDAY, 9th February, 1918, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOVER,
Secretary to the
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

General Agents for the
KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.

Hongkong, Jan. 30, 1918.

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THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JAGDINE, MATHERSON & COMPANY, LIMITED, on THURSDAY, the 1st February, 1918, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 1st February to THURSDAY, 21st February, 1918, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, Feb. 4, 1918.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 3rd day of February, 1918, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending the 31st December, 1917.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 11th February to SATURDAY, the 23rd February, 1918, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, Feb. 5, 1918.

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amongst War Charities by the Committee
of St. George's Society of Hongkong
through the medium of the Hongkong
War Charities Fund Committee.The Drawing will be in public, and
the date and hour at which it will take
place will be notified in due course by
advertisement.The sale of tickets will close in Hong-
kong on Saturday, the 13th April, 1918.Any disputes arising will be decided by
the Committee of St. George's Society of
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G. H. BUCHANAN, Esq.	H. W. BIRD, Esq.
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H. M. H. E. POLLARD, K.C.	H. M. H. E. POLLARD, K.C.
J. H. RAMSEY, Esq. (Hon. Treasurer).	John BENTLEY, Esq. (Hon. Secretary).

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T. F. HOUGH,
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Hongkong, Feb. 6, 1918. 100

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CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

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JOHN BENTLEY,
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Hongkong, Feb. 6, 1918. 108

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (on account of the concession),

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Hongkong, Feb. 6, 1918. 110

THE CALENDAR.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.
9.15 p.m.—Concert at Theatre Royal by A. Mirovitch and M. Pastro.

GENERAL MEMORANDA.

SATURDAY, Feb. 9.—

11 a.m.—Kowloon Land & Building Co. annual meeting.

12.30 p.m.—Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co. Annual Meeting.

MONDAY, Feb. 11.—

Chinese New Year.

TUESDAY, Feb. 12.—

Noon—Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s meeting.

SATURDAY, Feb. 12.—

12 noon—Hongkong & Shanghai Bank meeting at City Hall.

MONDAY, Feb. 13.—

Hongkong Jockey Club Races.

TUESDAY, Feb. 13.—

Second day of Races.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14.—

Third day of Races.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We regret to learn that the Rev. N. C. Pope M.A., Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, underwent a serious operation yesterday afternoon, and is at present in a very dangerous condition.

Answering questions asked by Dr. Ozorio at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, the President said the question of covering the drain running parallel to the railway at Kowloon is now under discussion between the Sanitary Department, the Kowloon-Canton railway and the Drainage Authority. The small, the President said, is rarely noticeable. Any danger there can be is due to mosquitoes. The nullah in Glenelg has received and is receiving the regular attention of the Public Works Department.

DEATH.

DUGGALL.—At Montreal, Canada, JAMES S. N. DUGGALL, father of Mrs. T. G. Turnbull, of this City.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, Feb. 4, 1918.

THE COMING ENEMY OFFENSIVE.

At a moment when we are being told in the cables of the imminence of the much advertised supreme effort of the Germans to break through the Western Front, it is well to note the fact that as far as any comment on the subject has been made by responsible Allied statesmen, it indicates that the Allied Commanders are well prepared to meet it with quiet confidence in their ability to defeat it. The statements inspired by the enemy about the Russian breakdown giving him a great superiority in the West, have been answered in many quarters.

Sir AUCKLAND GEDDES, the British Minister of National Service, who may be regarded as voicing the views of the War Council on the subject, said in a public speech last month that even reckoning that the Russian defection might possibly mean 1,600,000 Austrian and German troops available for other fronts, "the resources of the Allies were nevertheless sufficient to assure victory," and that "nothing but a psychological catastrophe could save the Central Powers." We see the estimates which Sir AUCKLAND GEDDES gave of the number of men which Austria and Germany can draw upon for immediate use are regarded by military critics as "outside estimates." One critic avers that the figure of 1,600,000 new men for the West is the enemy's maximum under the most favourable circumstances, including conscripts called up this year. The public are hardly likely to quarrel with the War Council for basing its calculations on the utmost possible strength that the enemy might throw into the attack. We see the view expressed that the Allies are quite able to deal with the situation even without American help, and the latter coming in as a relief makes the Entente position much better than the enemy's. Moreover, the history of the war has shown us that the Allies do not mind numbers. They have always beaten numbers and ask nothing better than to deal with enemy masses and to hasten victory. Still it is highly satisfactory to learn from the Weekly Review of the American Secretary of State for War that the Allies in men and guns are numerically superior to the enemy, and also that the American Army now actually occupy a portion of the Front.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(The "China Mail" Service.)

THE WAR SITUATION IN CHINA.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 4.—Chang King Yiu has declined the appointment of Commander-in-Chief and in doing so asks what is the Government's idea of issuing a mandate to help Yochow when that city has already fallen? He states that since Yochow has fallen the Government troops should attack and retake it, and not attempt to pacify it, and also that if the Central Government decides upon fighting, it should instruct those Tukwans who are in favour of peace to make known their attitude. If the Government decides upon making peace, it should make a clear announcement and not order the troops to risk the dangers of fighting.

Chang King Yiu has telephoned to the Government charging Wong Yu Yuan and Fan Kok Chan with betraying their troops and asking that they be severely punished.

Tuan Ki Sui has informed the President that the present situation is entirely due to Chan Kwong Yuen's unwillingness to send reinforcements to Kwangtung and Fukien; therefore Chan Kwong Yuen should be dismissed; to which the President has agreed.

Chang King Yiu refuses to fight unless he is appointed Tukwan of Hupeh. The Government intends appointing him Tukwan of Hunan so that he will fight for his own post.

Ng Kwong Sun has telephoned to the Government stating that the circumstances under which Yochow and Toongsheng were lost are suspicious, and that the Government should send a delegate to investigate the matter.

The President, in an interview with Hung Hsi Lung, expressed his disapproval of the proposal to divide the country into confederated States.

Under instructions from the President, Chan Luk Chu has telephoned to the war warning Tukwans that the Central Government has definitely decided to fight the South and has abandoned the idea of making peace.

DON'T COUGH.

IT is absurd to allow a cough to hang on, it sap your vitality when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will cure you. You don't know when a persistent cough will last you. You can afford to allow your throat and lungs to become diseased when it's such a simple thing to step into a chemist's shop and get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all Chemists and Stores.

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HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society was held to-day at the City Hall. Mr. T. F. Hough was in the chair, and there were also present Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. McKenna (Hon. Secretary), Miss Wilkinson, Dr. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Paterson, Mrs. Chatham, Mr. A. H. Harris and others. The Report was as follows:—

The ladies of the Committee beg to present the following Report and Statement of Account for the year 1917.

The Society was founded on 1888, and the number of cases entered in the books has reached 1,476.

There have been twenty-one new applications for assistance during the year just concluded and help in one form or another has been given in every case. Numbers of people not entered in the books have been supplied with clothing.

The Society is responsible for the maintenance of thirty orphan children at various schools in the Colony, the upkeep and education of which have cost the Society \$1,500.

Several men have been helped to find work; and passage have been provided to different parts of the world.

Board and lodging have been provided for men who were looking for work.

The number of new cases applying for help during the past year is less than usual, and is attributed to the increased opportunity for men to find work on account of the War.

The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, attend the City Hall on Monday and Thursday. In odd hours interview applicants for help. Gifts of clothing for men, women, and children, will be gratefully received at that time, as the Society has very many calls for such during the year.

The thanks of the Committee are due to all the subscribers and donors to the Society; to Mr. H. C. Sanford for kindly auditing the accounts; to the Rev. T. W. Featherstone for his assistance and advice; and to the number of friends who have helped during the year.

In conclusion we wish to gratefully acknowledge the annual grant of \$300 from the Colonial Government.

(Sd) KATHLEEN MCKENNA,
Hon. Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN then submitted the account of work done during the year and continued:—Ladies and Gentlemen. From what I have just read out, you will have noticed the reference to three cases of Chinese having married European women with the deplorable result, all too frequent, of the wife finding herself stranded on arrival here. These occupied the attention of the Society at different times and every credit is due to the Committee for the tactful way in which the cases were handled. Outside of this, the detailed account of work done does not call for much comment. I am informed that during the past year applications for relief were fewer than usual, due no doubt in a measure to the fact that there were many causes to which they owed their deliverance and their lives. It was a good thing that it was a good strong ship in which they were sailing; it was a mercy that the wireless telegraphy was not damaged; and it was remarkable that some heavy machinery, as he was informed, fell into the sea and lightened the ship. They were all aware of the splendid courage and excellent management of the Captain, and officers of that ship and last, but not least, the discipline and courage of their officers and the men, themselves displayed on that occasion. They would remember the message coming from His Most Gracious Majesty the King, and it was perhaps fitting that he should repeat it.

Please express to the officers commanding and men of the Middlesex Regiment my high appreciation of the conduct displayed by all ranks on the occasion of the accident to the Tyndareus. In their discipline and courage they worthily upheld the traditions of the Birkenhead that is so cherished in the annals of the British Army.

The service to-day suggested that they believed that, behind all these things, there was another Power that saved their lives. There was a little inscription—"Providence is my own inheritance" and he ventured to say that God's providence was their lives.

By the providence of God they meant the overruling superintendence of the universe, and that was generally manifested by the laws of nature which were difficult to understand.

Several causes contributed to that, into which it was not necessary for him to enter, but the school was now, both in numbers and efficiency, distinctly on the up grade. Reference had been made in the Report

to the appointment of several ladies to the teaching staff and it was to be hoped that the study of English, both written and spoken, would be much helped by their teaching.

During the past two days he had distributed the prizes at two other schools. At these schools over a thousand boys were receiving a good

25 MIDDLESEX REGIMENT.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE MINING OF THE "TYNDAREUS."

SPECIAL SERVICE AT THE CATHEDRAL.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The annual prize distribution of Queen's College took place to-day at noon.

A Special Service was held in St. John's Cathedral this morning on the occasion of the first anniversary of the mining of H.M. Transport "Tyndareus" off Cape Agulhas (Cape Colony) having on board the 25th (F.S.) Middlesex Regiment.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Victoria conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. C. L. Cooper Hunt, Chaplain to the Forces, and the Rev. G. Hastings, Naval Chaplain, read the lessons.

Col. John Ward, M.P., commanding Officer, and Major Browne, second in command, and the Officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Middlesex Regiment occupied the body of the Cathedral.

Prior to arriving at the Cathedral, the whole of the Middlesex Regiment, led by Col. John Ward, M.P., and Major Browne, and also the Regiment's mascot, a dog called "Jack," marched through the Victoria Barracks, accompanied by the Band, under Bandmaster Laurie Owen.

The service which was opened by the Band playing "The Hymn of Praise" consisted of specially chosen hymns and prayers, the Te Deum Laudamus, the hymn being played by the band, and concluded with the singing of the National Anthem and the Benediction.

THE BISHOP in his address, said that the service had been most appropriate, and that the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., had consented so readily to take His Excellency's place.

A Report, which would occupy several columns of the China Mail, was read by the Headmaster. Through knowledge of English, he was not unmindful of the excellent work done at Queen's College in the study of Chinese. For many years the school had had the benefit of the devoted work of the Rev. Mr. Wells as translation master, and he was glad to hear from the Report that the acting Inspector of Vernacular Schools said that the teaching of Chinese at Queen's College had been as careful as could be wished. He must also congratulate the school on its success in athletics—in volleyball and football. He also had to compliment the College on the possession of a Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, which under Mr. Tanner's guidance, promised to achieve equal success to that of Saingyung School.

Most of these things came out of the pupils' leisure time and they were of great value to the Colony. The war had given a great impetus to good citizens to come forward and to do their utmost to help at a time when many had left the Colony to join His Majesty's Forces, and the outstanding example of such help was the Hongkong Police Reserve.

The members of that body had given up much of their time in becoming efficient officers and their unselfish work had been of great value to the Colony, and the past and present pupils of Queen's College had taken a large part in that work. Before he closed he would like to refer to the great loss Queen's College will experience in the retirement of the Headmaster. Mr. Dealy had been for more than 30 years connected with the College and the pupils who had passed through his hands must number many thousands, amongst whom were many of the most prominent men in the business and professional life of Hongkong.

Addressing Mr. Dealy, Mr. Claud Severn said:—"It has been your life's work, Mr. Dealy, and I am sure you will look back on it with pride and pleasure. Though you will be here for a few weeks longer, this is the last occasion on which you will preside at the annual prize giving, and I can confidently assure you that you will carry with you into your retirement the best wishes of the Government that you have served, and the generations of scholars whom you have trained within these walls."

"Mr. Dealy thanked the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn in a few well-chosen words, and after the usual cheers had been given, the ceremonies concluded.

TELEGRAMS.

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AFFAIRS IN GREECE.

CHAMBER CLOSED BY OFFICIAL DECREE.

LONDON, Feb. 4.
Telegrams from Athens clearly indicate that the mutiny previously cabled was due to civilian agitators. An official decree orders the closing of the Chamber, the reactionary members having been preparing a campaign of obstruction and opposition to mobilisation.

THE HALIFAX DISASTER.

COMMISSION'S FINDINGS.

HALIFAX, U.S., Feb. 5.
The Commission investigating the disaster of December 6th blames Pilot McKay, of Halifax, and Captain Lamodee of the steamer *Mont Blanc*. Both have been arrested and charged with manslaughter.

The Commission recommends the cancellation of Captain Lamodee's license and censures the Pilotage Authorities for permitting McKay to pilot ships since the disaster.

The Chief Examining Officer has been found guilty of neglect of duty as regards the movements of ships in the harbour.

THE TRIAL OF BOLO PASHA.

PARIS, Feb. 4.
The court was crowded and there was the most intense expectation of further revelations. The sitting was devoted to reading a very lengthy indictment describing Bolo's relations with the ex-Khedive and others, unravelling the tangled skein of intrigue influencing opinion in France, including the purchase of the *Figaro*.

Numerous witnesses are subpoenaed, included Bolo's wives, M. Barthou, ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Madame Caillaux (the latter is indisposed and unable to attend). M. Caillaux is also cited and will be brought from prison when called.

Bolo appeared very calm. He took his seat in the dock, adjusted his monocle, surveyed the seven judges with an insolent air, and waved his hand to the lady who is his latest wife.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

ACTIVITY ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

LONDON, Feb. 4.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

A strong party of the enemy attempted to raid a post northward of Hargicourt, but were driven off with heavy loss. Another party rushed a post southward of Armentières. Five of our men are missing. There is hostile artillery activity eastward of Hargicourt, northward of Lens, in the neighbourhood of Armentières and eastward of Ypres. Aeroplanes dropped 44 tons of bombs on various targets, including rail-signals at Melle, Ingelminster and Ligherzelde. Five hostile machines were brought down and five driven down. One of ours is missing.

LATER.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

We raided enemy trenches eastward of Hargicourt. There was hostile artillery at Lens and north-eastward of Carrière. Our aeroplanes yesterday dropped four tons of bombs on various targets, including the railway station and sidings at Valenciennes. They also fired several thousand rounds at the enemy in the trenches and back areas and brought down five and drove down five enemy machines. One of our machines is missing. Our machines bombed the enemy's aerodromes and billets last night.

ENEMY ATTACK ON WEST FRONT REPULSED.

LONDON, Feb. 4.
A French communiqué states: After a violent artillery preparation the Germans, last evening, attempted an attack on the sector west of Frenay, which was easily repelled. Between January 21 and 31 thirteen enemy aeroplanes were brought down and fifteen others were seriously damaged and fell uncontrolled in their own lines.

Another French communiqué records an intense artillery duel north of Aisne, in the Corrèze region, Argonne, and Upper Alsace.

A FORTY YEARS' TEST.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy has been curing coughs and colds for the past forty years and has gained in popularity every year. What better recommendation is required? *Visible to all chemists and druggists.*

BRITISH NAVAL AERIAL ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Feb. 4.
The Admiralty reports: Naval aircraft, yesterday, bombed the aerodrome at Houltave. One enemy machine was brought down and two driven down out of control. Two others are missing.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Feb. 4.
An Italian official message says: We brought down eight aeroplanes and the British brought down six.

VENICE BOMBED.

LONDON, Feb. 4.
An Italian official message states: Enemy aviators bombed Venice, Padua, Treviso and Mestre, hitting the civil hospital at Treviso. Altogether there were eighteen casualties.

MOBILISATION IN GREECE.

A MUTINY SUPPRESSED.

ATHENS, Dec. 4.
An official message says:

A large proportion of the Lusitania's infantry regiments and a number of artillerymen armed themselves and mutinied, but the movement was quickly suppressed. It is stated that the Government intends to deal most severely with attempts to impede the progress of mobilisation.

SUBMARINE PIRACY.

KAISER DECORATES CREWS.

LONDON, Feb. 4.
On the occasion of the anniversary of submarine ruthlessness the Kaiser has created a special decoration for submarine crews and has awarded the highest class of the *Ordre Pour le Mérite* to Admiral von Scheer.

ADMIRALY DENIES GERMAN AND TURKISH REPORTS.

LONDON, Feb. 4.
The Admiralty denies the German wireless report that a large English warship, accompanied by torpedo-boat chasers, was mined and sunk in the Firth of Forth. There was no incident on which the statement could be based.

THE DARDANELLES FIGHT.

LONDON, Feb. 4.
The Admiralty states that submarine E14 proceeded to the Dardanelles on January 27, in order to complete the destruction of the *Gector*.

A wireless Turkish official message reports that the E14 was sunk at Kumkale and that seven men were saved. It adds that they shot off the periscope of M. Trozky, the delegation of the Central Powers decided to recognise the representatives of the Rada as entitled to speak for Ukraine.

The British Admiralty states that all except E14 have returned to their bases.

NORWEGIAN SHIPPING LOSSES IN JANUARY.

FOR USE OF ALL CLASSES.

LONDON, Feb. 5.
Reuter learns that twelve Norwegian vessels were lost in January through the war, and eight Norwegian sailors were killed.

THE STRIKES IN GERMANY.

ALL FACTORIES UNDER MILITARY CONTROL.

LONDON, Feb. 4.
A telegram from Copenhagen states that the Military Commander of the Berlin District has issued a proclamation declaring that all important factories are under complete military control and the employees will be court-martialed unless they resume work on Monday morning. The courts-martial in Berlin are authorised to pass death sentences, the execution of which will occur twenty-four hours after sentence.

GERMAN STRIKE LEADER SENTENCED.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 4.
A telegram from Berlin states that Herr Dittmann has been sentenced to five years' confinement in a fortress for attempted high treason, and also to two months' imprisonment for resisting the authorities.

THE STRIKE IN HOLLAND.

ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE STRIKE.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 4.
The strike called by syndicalists for to-day is in no wise general and only a small percentage of the employees of various works have so far struck.

Mounted gendarmes are patrolling the streets and preventing the strikers from forming crowds.

BOLO PASHA ON TRIAL.

PARIS, Feb. 5.
The trial of Bolo Pasha and others began before a court-martial.

Counsel for the defense pointed out that a state of war did not exist between France and Turkey and requested an adjournment in order to call witnesses from Constantinople and also Mr. Heart, the newspaper proprietor from the United States.

The Court refused this on the ground that it had no power to compel attendance.

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THE GATHERING STORM.

LAUNCH AT KOWLOON DOCKS.

ANOTHER VESSEL FOR SIAM.

Another launch took place yesterday afternoon at Kowloon Docks, when the new vessel *Valaya* took the water. A number of interested spectators were present, the launching ceremony being gracefully performed by Mrs. Chua, Forsyth.

This is the second vessel built for the Siam Steamship Co., Ltd., Bangkok.

The *Valaya* is a steel single screw steamer of the Awning Deck type, with raised foredeck, boat deck amidships and aft. Principal dimensions are:

Length overall 284 ft. 6 ins.

Length B.P. 228 ft. 6 ins.

Breadth moulded 35 ft. 6 ins.

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IN THE WEST.

GERMAN HOPES AND FEARS.
ENEMY REINFORCEMENTS.

A special cable to the Allahabadi dated London, December 28th, says: "The Times' military correspondent devotes an article to the extent and consequences of the enemy reinforcements to the West from Russia. He considers that the Eastern Front must be guarded if only to prevent the percolation of Bolshevik notions into Germany, but probably half a million men can be transferred, apart from possibilities arising from the contemplated employment of 300,000 recently captured Italians in German mines and the release of German prisoners now in Russia. Although the German man power problem had reached a critical stage, the maintenance of the strength during 1918 is now reasonably assured, assuming operations to be of the general character of previous years. The Germans must be prepared for surprises in south-west Russia, but having shortened the Italian front they may spare a quarter of a million men for Alsace. In his spring plans Hindenburg may decide to include in the attempted invasion of England, an attack on the British, French, Americans or Belgians in France, operations through Switzerland, a thrust at Salonic or assistance to Turkey. Although the enemy reinforcements may destroy our too narrow margin of numerical superiority they will not give the enemy the crushing superiority necessary for decisive results. We are, however, liable to be hard hit in the West, particularly if the enemy realises that hunger will ruin Germany before submarines can run us, seeks a military victory at any cost.

Commenting on this announcement "The Times" says: "While we welcome the forthcoming issue of a special article to the first seven divisions of the British Expeditionary Force, and other units who served in France and Belgium up to November 22, 1914, we trust that the authorities will not make the mistake of specifically associating it with the battle of Mons. The attempts to call this new decoration 'the Mons star' are very much to be deplored. Only four divisions were in the line at Mons, and only two of these divisions were fully engaged in the battle. Our losses at Mons are said to have been not much more than 3,000. From the British point of view, the greatest battle in all this period was the first battle of Ypres, when our casualties numbered close upon 30,000. The first battle of Ypres will always be counted among the memorable battles of history, for it determined the whole subsequent course of the war in the West. The reason why the public persists in talking of Mons and not of Ypres is that the story of Mons was told at the time, whereas the supreme importance of the first battle of Ypres has only recently been generally recognised. Mons was a successful rearguard action, but the memory of the glorious stand at Ypres will be immortal. In the name of proportion and common sense, we hope that this star, which will be a proud possession for those entitled to wear it, will not receive a misleading popular designation."

"HOWLERS."

The University Correspondent publishes some more amusing schoolboy "howlers." Among them are the following:

Walter Scott was imprisoned in the Tower because he could not pay his debts; while there he wrote the Waverley Novels; but he was afterwards burnt alive; he also brought tobacco from Virginia, so called after his beloved mistress Queen Elizabeth.

James I claimed the Throne of England through his grandmother, because he had no father.

The attempts at colonisation in Elizabeth's reign were that Raleigh brought smoking into England and had a bucket of cold water thrown on him, and Drake discovered potatoes round the world and planted them in Lancashire.

Henry the First's son William was drowned in the White Ship and never sailed again.

Lambert Simnel was defeated at Stoke and sent to roast in the king's kitchen.

The Pope called Henry VIII. "Fidei
Offensive."

Joan of Arc lived in the French Revolution, and one day she fell into the arms of the English and got burnt.

Childe Harold was defeated by William the Conqueror at the Battle of Hastings.

By eating slowly, food is digested before it is swallowed and thus enriches the blood, which goes down one leg and up the other.

The present Primate of England is Mr. Lloyd George.

Poetry is a thing you make prose out of.

The laws are made by Lloyd George or else by the policeman.

The Daylight Saving Act shortened the day by an hour.

The speaker did not expect ironclad cheers.

When a drunken man sees what a fool he has been, and is going to turn over a new leaf, he is called a Reformer. John Wycliff was a Reformer.

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